<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT</u>:

Please replace the Abstract originally appearing on page 15 of the application with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for sorting integrated circuit (IC) devices of the type having a substantially unique identification (ID) code, such as a fuse ID, ~~includes~~ including automatically reading the ID code of each of the IC devices and sorting the IC devices in accordance with their automatically read ID codes, is disclosed.